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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR CODEL STEARNS

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1. Post welcomes and grants country clearance to Codel Stearns to overnight in Shannon, Ireland, October 12, 2005. Purpose of visit is to provide rest stop for crew.

2. Codel will be met and assisted upon arrival by Embassy Control Officer for this visit, POL Officer Tom Rosenberger, office telephone 353 1 630-6275, home telephone 353 1 260-4795 cell 353 87 997-7097, e-mail rosenbergertm@state.gov. Embassy telephone number while in country is (01) 668-8777 during business hours; (01) 668-9612 after hours.

3. Reservations have been made at the Dromoland Castle Hotel, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare. Telephone number 353 61 368144 Fax 353 61 363355. Room rate is Euro 275, including breakfast, tax and service. Cancellation date is seven days prior advance notice to avoid penalty.

4. Please note that as of March 29, 2004, Ireland has instituted a complete smoking ban in the work place, including all pubs, restaurants, and hotel common areas. Violations of this law may result in a fine of up to Euro 3,000. Check with hotel staff upon arrival to determine if smoking is permitted in hotel room.

#### GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

5. Please be advised that there are no visa requirements for visitors traveling to Ireland on diplomatic or official passports.

6. Per Diem will be issued in local currency.

#### SECURITY INFORMATION FOR IRELAND

7. Post is unaware of direct threats against Americans or U.S. interests in Ireland, and Ireland remains a relatively safe country where anti-American sentiment is rare. For additional threat assessment information regarding Ireland, you may contact DS/DSS/ITA (Diplomatic Security's Office of Intelligence and Threat Assessment) in the State Department at 202-663-0787. TDY visitors staying longer than 30 days should schedule a briefing with the Regional Security Officer.

8. Street Crime: Like any large urban center, Dublin has its share of street crime, especially pick-pocketing and purse-snatching. Valuables should not be left unattended in cars and should be kept in hotel safe deposit boxes. Do not carry large amounts of cash. Violent confrontations and use of firearms are rare, however, and with reasonable precautions and common sense visitors should be able to enjoy a safe visit. Police services are excellent; the number for emergency services in Ireland is 999 or 112.

9. Terrorism: Ireland, like the rest of the world, shares an increased threat of terrorist incidents of international origin. Travelers should remain aware of their surroundings and report suspicious people or activities to the police or RSO.  
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